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#### BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

RELIEF SOUGHT: An Order for Disbursement of Escrowed Funds (and Authorization for Direct Payment of Royalties)

JURISDICTION:

Code of Virginia § 45.1-351. (et seq) AND § 45.1-361.22 (et seq)

UNIT/WELL NAME: VC-3047

TRACT(S):

4

LOCATION:

**DICKENSON County, Virginia** 

TAX ID NUMBERS:

Tax Map Identification Numbers for all parcels affected by this order are shown on: Exhibit B

DOCKET NUMBER:

VGOB-99-0420-0719-02

**APPLICANTS:** 

EQT Production Company on behalf of EQT Production Company

**HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:** 

Russell County Government Center, Lebanon, Virginia

September 18, 2012

APPEARANCES:

James Kaiser on behalf of EQT Production Company

#### PRIOR PROCEEDINGS:

- 1. Original Pooling Order Executed 06/16/1999, Recorded on 06/21/1999, Deed Book/Instrument No. 346, Page 677.
- Supplemental Order Executed 08/25/1999, Recorded on 08/31/1999, Deed Book/Instrument No. 348, Page 503.
- 3. Disbursement Order -01 Executed 02/02/2006, Recorded on 02/07/2006, Deed Book/Instrument No. 422, Page 371.

#### NOTICE:

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The Unit Operator gave notice to the Applicants that the Board would consider its disbursement petition at the September 18, 2012 hearing and considered whether to:

- (1) Amend the Pooling Order to provide for the disbursement of funds on deposit in the Escrow Account attributable to Tract(s) 4 identified in the attached petition.
- (2) Delete the requirement that the Unit Operator place future royalties attributable to Tract(s) 4 relative to the interests of the Applicants identified in the attached petition.
- (3) Continue the escrow account under this docket number.

FINDINGS:

Code of Virginia § 45.1-361.22

Applicant has certified and represented to the Board that:

Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. was a conflicting claimant with Laura and Leroy Cole with regard to Tract 4 as created by Board Order VGOB as 99/04/20-0719. Royalty payments were put in the established escrow account by the Escrow Agent. To resolve this conflict, a Letter dated April 26, 2011 signed by Jerry Grantham, Vice President of Range Resources-Pine Mountain walved any claims to past or to future royalties, attached hereto as a Miscellaneous Exhibit. In the Supplemental Order, Laura and Leroy Cole elected a Carried Working Interest in Well VC-3047. Pursuant to the terms as created by the Board Order, the Cole's are not entitled to payment for their interest until the Well has 200% payout. Well VC-3047 has not yet reached a 200% payout. An account review by EQT recognized that they were paying royalty money into the Virginia State Escrow account as a conflicting royalty interest by mistake, instead of holding the funds as a Carried Working Interest. Thus, EQT is requesting that the Cole's applicable percentage of funds in escrow be returned to EQT as an exact payment from 9/20/2004 through 9/12/2012. Once the 200% payout is met, EQT can begin making direct payments to Laura and Leroy Cole. Following approval at the September 2012 VGOB Hearing, EQT has been internally escrowing payments from October 2012 through present.

#### **RELIEF GRANTED:**

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VGOB Disbursement		Fractional	Net Acreage	Royalty	Escrowed	Percent of	Disbursement	
Unit VC-3047			Ownershi P	Ownership	Split	Acres	Escrowed Funds	
VGOB-99-0420-0719-02			in Tract	inTract	Agreement	Disbursed	Disbursed	
	Table 1 (pay exact dollar amount based on account balance of 9/30/2012) Tracts: 4							
Item	Tract	Disbursement Table						
		Total acreage in escrow before disbursement		-		23.13000		
	4	Tract 4 (total acreage)	17.77					
1	4	EQT Production Company\P.O. Box 1983, Kingsport, TN 37662-1983		17.7700	100.00%	17.7700	76.8266%	\$20,157.70

- 1. The Escrow Agent is ordered, to within ten (10) days of receipt of this executed order, disburse funds for the unit and applicants detailed in Table 1 and 2.
- 2. The Escrow Agent is ordered to continue the Escrow Account for the Subject Drilling unit based on the attached Revised Exhibit E which replaces all prior Exhibit E's recorded for the Subject Drilling Unit.

#### CONCLUSION:

Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.

#### APPEALS:

Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of the Code of Virginia § 45.1-361.9 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court and that whenever a coal owner, coal operator, gas owner, gas operator, or operator of a gas storage field certificated by the State Corporation Commission is a party in such action, the court shall hear such appeal de novo.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 25 day of April, 2013 by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

Chairman, Bradley C. Lambert

DONE AND PERFORMED this 25 day of April, 2013 by Order of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

Rick Cooper

Principal Executive to the staff, Virginia Gas and Oil Board

Rick Cooper

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA COUNTY OF RUSSELL

Acknowledged on this 25 day of 2012 personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Bradley C. Lambert, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is the Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board and appeared Rick Cooper, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Principal Executive to the staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that they executed the same and was authorized to do so.

Diana J. Davis, Wotery Public

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My Commission expires: September 30, 2013

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MY COMMISSION

EXPIRES

ON NO.

ATH OF VIRGINIA

#### BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

PETITIONER: EQT Production Company DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL

DOCKET NO: VGOB 99-0420-0719-02

RELIEF SOUGHT: (1) DISBURSEMENT FROM

ESCROW REGARDING TRACT(S) 4
(2) AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT

PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES

DRILLING UNIT: VC-3047

**DICKENSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA** 

**HEARING DATE:** September 18,

2012

#### PETITION FOR ORDER OF DISBURSEMENT OF ESCROW FUNDS

#### 1. Petitioner and its counsel

Petitioner is EQT Production Company, 225 North Shore Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, (412)553-5700. Petitioner's counsel is James Kaiser, Wilholt and Kaiser Law Firm, 220 Broad Street, Suite 210, Kingsport, TN 37660.

#### 2. Relief Sought

A petition from EQT Production Company for the disbursment of funds from escrow regarding Tract 4 to EQT Production Comapny, for Unit VC-3047, Kenady District, Nora Quadrangle, Dickenson County, Virginia.

#### 3. Legal Authority

Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.1 et seq., 4 VAC 25-160-140., and relevant Virginia Gas and Oil Board Orders ("Board") heretofore promulgated pursuant to law.

#### 4. Type of Well(s)

Coalbed Methane

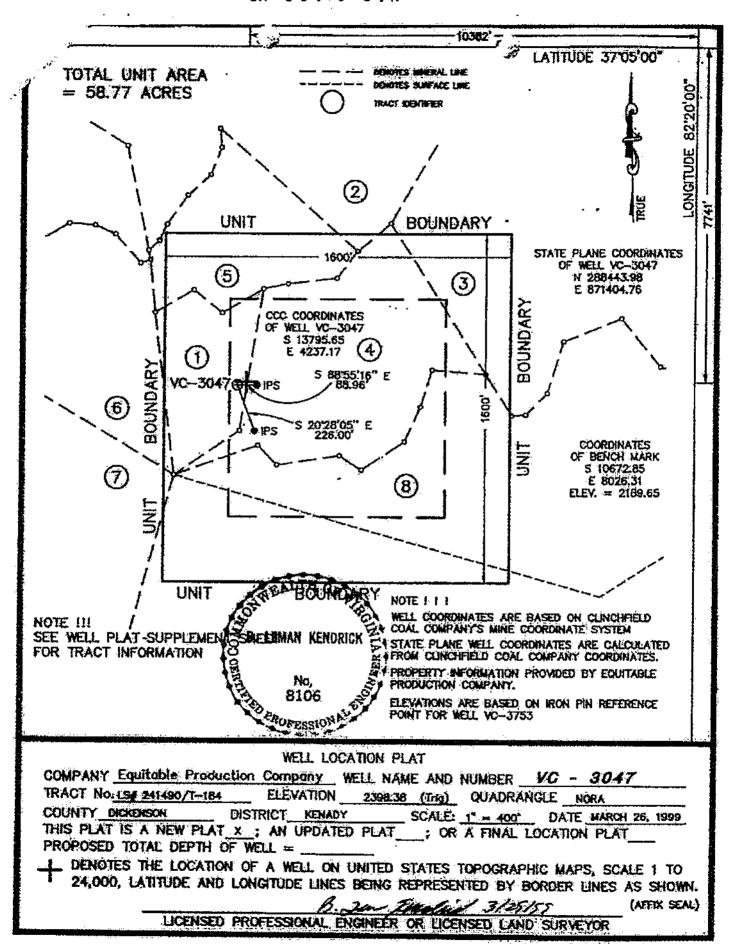
#### 5. Factual basis for relief requested

Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. was a conflicting claimant with Laura and Leroy Cole with regard to Tract 4 as created by Board Order VGOB as 99/04/20-0719. Royalty payments were put in the established escrow account by the Escrow Agent. To resolve this conflict, a Letter dated April 26, 2011 signed by Jerry Grantham, Vice President of Range Resources-Pine Mountain waived any claims to past or to future royalties, attached hereto as a Miscellaneous Exhibit. In the Supplemental Order, Laura and Leroy Cole elected a Carried Working Interest in Well VC-3047. Pursuant to the terms as created by the Board Order, the Cole's are not entitled to payment for their interest until the Well has 200% payout. Well VC-3047 has not yet reached a 200% payout. An account review by EQT recognized that they were paying royalty money into the Virginia State Escrow account as a conflicting royalty interest by mistake, instead of holding the funds as a Carried Working Interest. Thus, EQT is requesting that the Cole's applicable percentage of funds in escrow be returned to EQT as an exact payment from 9/20/2004 through 9/12/2012. Once the 200% payout is met, EQT can begin making direct payments to Laura and Leroy Cole. Following approval at the September 2012 VGOB Hearing, EQT has been internally escrowing payments from October 2012 through present.

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### 6. Attestation

The foregoing Petition to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief is true and correct.



(1)

LEASE NO. 241490 / T-184
LE, SMITH
6:24-ACRES
CLINCHFELD COAL COMPANY/
PYOS RESOURCES-COMPANY - surface, cool
PINE NOUNTAIN OIL & GAS, INC. oil & gos
GAS 6:17AC. 10:50 %

(2)

LEASE No. 241490 / TL-219
MAE SMITH ROWLETT - oil & gos
92.57 ACRES
LEASE, No. 244792 / TC-177
CUNCHFIELD COAL COMPANY/
PYOS RESOURCES COMPANY - cod
GAS 17 AC. 28 X

(3)

LEASE No. 241490 / T-1022
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SE14 ACRES
CUNCHFIELD COAL COMPANY/
PYXIS RESOURCES COMPANY - cool
PINE MOUNTAIN OIL & GAS, INC. - oil & gos
GAS 4.94 AC. EA1 X

(4)

LEASE No.
LAURATHEAN COLE
22 ACRES
CUNCHFIELD COAL COMPANY/
PYOS' RESOURCES COMPANY — cool
LEASE No. 244792 / TC-177
LAURA JEAN COLE — surface, oil & gos
GAS 17.77 AC, 30.24 %

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MAE SMITH ROWLETT

9:76 ACRES

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LEASE No. 244792 / JC-177

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PYXIS RESOURCES COMPANY — cool

PINE MOUNTAIN OIL & GAS, INC. — oil

GAS 519AC, 8:83 %

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LEASE No. 245525L
WELLAM & VONDA ROSE — of & gos
10 ACRES
LEASE No. 244792 / TC-177
CLINCHPELD COAL COMPANY/
PYXIS RESOURCES COMPANY — cool
GAS .18 AC. .31 %

(7)

LEASE No. 241490 / T-172
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116 ACRES
CLINCHFIELD COAL COMPANY/
PYRIS RESOURCES COMPANY - cool
PINE MOUNTAIN OIL & GAS, INC. - of & gas
GAS :10 AC. :17 %

(8)

LEASE No. 241450 / T-47
W.T. GOODLOE
556,33 ACRES
CLINCHTELD COAL COMPANY/
PYXES RESOURCES: COMPANY - cool
PINE MOUNTAIN OE & GAS, INC. - oil & gos
GAS 24:25 AC. 41.26 %

KENDRICK

CHANGERING & SUNVEYING ON.

40 MAR STREET

CLUTTOON, VINCORA

(440) ASS-8057 (440) 436-472

EQUITABLE PRODUCTION COMPANY
WELL No. 3047
WELL PLAT SUPPLEMENT

PROJ. No.: SCALE:
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DATE: MARCH 28, 1999

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Wells contributing to the escrow account: VC-3047 W/PL

## Supplement B VC-703047 VGOB 99-0420-0719

TRACT	<u>Lessor</u>	LEASE STATUS	Interest Within <u>Unit</u>	GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT	NET REVENUE INTEREST				
GAS ESTATE ONLY									
(20780)	Pittston Company* clo Crinchfield Coel Company Attn. Steve Smith PO Box 7 Dante, VA 24237	Lessed-EPC 241490 LD1 T-184	19.500000%	6.17000	0.01312500	RI			
Tract 1 Totals	Equitable Production Company		10.500000%	6,17000	0,09187500 0,10590000	Wī			
(Minerals Only)	East Tennessee Natural Gas Co. Route 1 Box 241 McClure, VA 24269	Leased - EPC 241490L TL-219	0.280000%	0.17000	0.00035000	RI			
	Equitable Production Company	_			0.00245000	WI			
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	Equitable Production Company	_			0.07358750	WI			
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(18837)	Equitable Production Co. PO Box 1983 Kingsport, TN 37662-1983	Gas Estate Owner	8,830000%	5.19000	0.01103750				
Tract 5 Totals	Equitable Production Company	-	8,830000%	5.19000	0.07726250 0.08830000				
(1206)	William C Rose & Vonda E Rose Route 1 Box 421 Clintwood, VA 24228	Lessed-EPC 245525L01	0.310000%	0 18000	0.00038750				
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(206.56)	Attn: Steve Smith PO Box 7	T-47			
(-20-2)	Dante, VA 24237				
	Equitable Production Company				0.36102500
Tract 8 Totals			41.260000%	24,25000	0.41260000
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	TOTAL GAS ESTATE		100.000000%	58.77000	1.00000000
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### Exhibit E VC-703047 VGOB 99-0420-0719

TRACT	LESSOR	LEASE STATUS	INTEREST WITHIN UNIT	GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT
		GAS ESTATE ONLY		
2	East Tennessee Netural Gas Co. Route 1 Box 241 McChure, VA 24269	Lessed - EPC 241490L TL-219	0.280000%	0.17000
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5	Equitable Production Co PO Box 1983	Gas Estate Owner	6.630000%	5.19000
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	Equitable Production Company				0.36102500
Tract 8 Totals			41,260000%	24.25000	0.41260000
	TOTAL COAL ESTATE		100,000000%	58.77000	1,000000000

\*Currently: Range Resources-Pine Mountain 406 W Main Street PO Box 2136 Abingdon, VA 24212 M· 2018 - 227

### Exhibit EE VC-703047 VGOB 99-0420-0719

TRACT	LESSOR	LEASE STATUS	INTEREST WITHIN UNIT	GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT		
		DISBURSEMENT -01				
8	Wallem C Rose & Vonda E Rose Route 1 Box 421 Clintwood, VA 24228	Leased-EPC 245525L01	0.310000%	0.18000	0.00038750	
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